

# **COMMUNITY RESOURCE HANDBOOK**

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## **DAWSON COUNTY HEAD START/PRE-K**

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to aid the Dawson County Head Start/Pre-K families in gaining access to community resources to meet family needs. This handbook is a guide which provides listings for the contact person, telephone number, location, services provided, and eligibility for each individual agency. In order to be accurate, a handbook needs to be continuously updated; therefore, feel free to update this book as the need arises.

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## **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

**Sheriff-----911**  
**Fire Department-----911**  
**Ambulance----911**

## **ADULT LITERACY CENTER**

**CONTACT:** Sharon Clark  
**TELEPHONE:** (706) 265-1690  
**LOCATION:** Adult Literacy Center  
388 Hwy 9 North  
Dawsonville, GA 30534  
**SERVICES:** Morning and evening classes available. Tutors available for help with reading. Information about programs in other counties (1-800-743-6344). Helps prepare adults for GED test; basic reading available also.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Adults over 18 years of age/Available for study 16 & up.

## **AGING**

### **GEORGIA MOUNTAINS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**CONTACT:** Margie Weaver  
**TELEPHONE:** (706) 344-3700  
**LOCATION:** Dawson County Senior Center  
P.O. Box 598, 201 Recreation Rd.  
Dawsonville, GA 30534  
**SERVICES:** To plan and implement a comprehensive program to reduce social isolation and prevent premature institutionalization of the 60 and over population in the Georgia Mountains Area. Services include homemaker-home health aide, nutrition (hot meals), outreach, information, referral, counseling, transportation escort and public transportation, medication program, Alzheimer's respite care program (nurse available 2 days per week.)  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Adults and spouse, 60 years or older.

## **ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM**

**CONTACT:** National Council of Substance Abuse  
**TELEPHONE:** 1-800-662-4357, Local 706-265-3514 Dawson Baptist Church

## **ALPINE PROGRAM**

### **THE GAINESVILLE PROGRAM OF THE GEORGIA PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL PROGRAM NETWORK**

**CONTACT:** Elaine Caffrey  
**TELEPHONE:** (770) 532-9981  
**LOCATION:** 715 Woods Mill Rd  
P.O. Box 2459  
Gainesville, GA 30503

**SERVICES:** Alpine is a part of the Georgia Public School System. It is funded through the Georgia Department of Education, Division of Exceptional Children. It serves the following school systems: Gainesville City, Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White Counties. Alpine is a school for children with severe emotional and behavioral problems. Children are usually referred to Alpine. Services will be provided for the child who meets eligibility criteria. The amount of time per day at Alpine is determined at a placement committee meeting.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Children ages 0-21 years

### **AMBULANCE SERVICE**

**CONTACT:** Dawson County EMT Service  
**TELEPHONE:** 911 Emergency or 706-344-3666

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

**CONTACT:** Barbara Jennings  
**TELEPHONE:** 678-947-9900  
**LOCATION:** 133 Samartion Dr., Cumming GA 30040  
**SERVICES:** Disaster relief, training of volunteers, training in first aid, water safety and small craft, Red Cross Youth, service to families of the Armed Forces, services to Veterans and families, blood programs, nursing services, 24-hour emergency service for servicemen. HIV/AIDS program.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Military servicemen and their families, veterans (service connected disability) and their families, victims of disaster.

### **AREA TRANSIT**

**TELEPHONE:** 706-344-3603 (Monday-Friday 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$2.00 each way)  
**CONTACT:** Dawn Pruitt

### **BABIES CAN'T WAIT**

**CONTACT:** Tonya Newsom – (referral service)  
**TELEPHONE:** 770-538-2778  
**SERVICES:** Provides children at risk of, or with developmental delays due to a diagnosed condition, and their parents, with a variety of services to assist the child in achieving developmental progress. Other services also provided, depending upon the needs of the child and/or family.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

CONTACT: Keith Porter, Superintendent  
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-3246  
LOCATION: P.O. Box 209, Dawsonville, GA 30534  
SERVICES: Formulates and adopts policies for the operation of the public school system; seeks means for financing and provides suitable buildings and equipment; through the superintendent, administers the schools under those policies and carries out such other duties as required by law.

## **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

CONTACT: Christy Haynes  
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-6278  
LOCATION: P.O. Box 299, Dawsonville, GA 30534  
SERVICES: Promotes business, tourism and economic development.

## **CHARITY - HILL BURTON**

CONTACT: Hospital Business or Admitting Office  
TELEPHONE: 1-800-638-0742 or Office of hospital used.  
SERVICES: Medical care at partial or no cost. A hospital that receives Hill-Burton Funds cannot refuse services because you cannot pay.  
ELIGIBILITY: Persons with little or no income.

## **CHILD CARE BLOCK GRANT**

CONTACT: Karen McCord  
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-6598 (DFCS)  
LOCATION: P.O. Box 867, Dawsonville, GA 30534  
SERVICES: Assists parents in paying child care cost.  
ELIGIBILITY: Parents have to be working, attending school, or enrolled in training program. Contact local Department of Family and Children Services for other eligibility requirements.

## **CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCY OF NE GEORGIA AT GAINESVILLE STATE COLLEGE**

TELEPHONE: 770-718-3639  
Email: [www.gsc.edu/socsci/childcare/](http://www.gsc.edu/socsci/childcare/)  
Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 until 5:00, Friday 8:00 until 3:00

**LOCATION:** 3820 Mundy Mill Rd., Oakwood, GA 30566  
Mailing address: PO Box 1358, Oakwood, GA 30503  
**SERVICES:** Offers training and technical assistance for all programs and individuals offering child care. Assists individuals in becoming registered with the state to start day care center. Offers resource and referrals to group homes, day care centers, moms day out, after school care, summer camps and respite care, non-traditional work hours, special needs care and low income care.  
**DESCRIPTION:** Telephone referral service for parents looking for child care.

### **CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY UNIT**

**TELEPHONE:** 770-535-57835  
**LOCATION:** 465 EE Butler Pkwy., Gainesville, GA 30503  
**SERVICES:** To aid in finding supporters of children who have deserted their families. To regain and give legal advice on child support payments and administer paternity tests.

### **CHILDREN FIRST**

**CONTACT:** Debra Chosewood  
**TELEPHONE:** 770-538-2778  
**SERVICES:** This is the entry point for all families/children needing services provided by any of the programs described under Children With Special Needs. All referrals are sent here first and a decision is made as to which program(s) can best serve the child's needs. The child's progress is tracked from here and families are linked with resources.

### **CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES**

**CONTACT:** Angie Williams  
**TELEPHONE:** 770-535-6907  
**LOCATION:** 1856 Thompson Bridge Road, Suite 103, Gainesville, GA  
**SERVICES:** Provides medical care to children with disabling conditions or chronic disease.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Prefers referral through health department or child's physician. Treats children with Medicaid or financially eligible.

## CITY OF DAWSONVILLE

CONTACT: James Grogan (Mayor)  
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-3256  
LOCATION: P.O. Box 6, Dawsonville, GA 30534  
SERVICES: To administer City Government. Provides police protection, fire protection, water, and sewer services, collects fees and taxes, and provides street maintenance.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY

CONTACT: Alice Williamson  
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-3744  
SERVICES: **Emergency Assistance**

- Arranging for payment for past due utility, rent or mortgage payments.
- Provision of food assistance and other special feeding initiatives
- Coordination of family intervention activities relative to basic needs.

#### **Homeless/Housing**

- Assessment and counseling
- Resettlement activities and referrals
- Food, shelter, and clothing
- Employment, education, and transportation
- Negotiations with landlord to prevent eviction
- Coordination of minor home and accessibility repair
- Assistance with 504 grants and loans

#### **Case Management Services**

- Counseling families on community resources

#### **Employment Services**

- Job coaching/referral/placement

#### **Budget Counseling & Development**

- Money management training and budget counseling

#### **Weatherization**

- Improvements to the home for the reduction in energy costs and increase in energy conservation

#### **Family Resource/Development**

- Provision of prescription medicine
- Money management/budgeting
- Life skills enrichment
- Employment counseling

#### **Income Energy Assistance**

- Usually one time per year (November-February) one-time payment of a utility bill

#### **Budget Counseling**



- Referral to credit counseling services.
- Money management training and budget counseling

### **COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

CONTACT: Clark MacAllister  
 TELEPHONE: (706) 265-2442  
 LOCATION: Dawson Co. Agriculture Ctr., 298 Academy Ave., Dawsonville, GA 30534  
 SERVICES: Provides information on all phases of agriculture, landscaping, community development and homemaking, leadership to 4-H Club and other programs.

### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE**

CONTACT: Danielle Yarbrough  
 TELEPHONE: (706) 344-3501  
 LOCATION: Dawson County Courthouse, 76 Howard Ave. E. St. 120, Dawsonville, GA  
 SERVICES: Information, road and highway maintenance, election procedures, special County Commissioners meetings and county government inquiries, tax collections.

### **CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION**

CONTACT: Scott Rittenbaum, Executive Director  
 TELEPHONE: (404) 325-6973  
 LOCATION: 2302 Parklake Drive, Suite 210, Atlanta, GA 30345  
 SERVICES: Raise funds for a cure for cystic fibrosis victims and counseling and education to parents.

### **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS GAINESVILLE PROBATION OFFICE**

CONTACT: Tarra Jackson, Chief Probation Officer  
 TELEPHONE: (770) 535-5710  
 LOCATION: 1002 Aviation Blvd. Gainesville, GA 30501  
 SERVICES: Supervision of probationers directed by the court. Investigations for the court.  
 ELIGIBILITY: Adult offenders who are sentenced through the Superior Court

## **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

TELEPHONE: 1-877-423-4746 (DFCS)  
LOCATION: P.O. Box 867, Dawsonville, GA 30534  
SERVICES: Provides adult education and job training programs.  
ELIGIBILITY: Contact local Department of Family and Children Services office.

## **FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

TELEPHONE: (706) 265-6598, 1-877-423-4746  
LOCATION: P.O. Box 867, Dawsonville, GA 30534  
SERVICES: Aid to families with dependent children, social services, food stamps and Medicaid.

## **FAMILY CONNECTION/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

CONTACT: Nancy Stites, Coordinator  
TELEPHONE: (706) 265-1981  
LOCATION: P.O. Box 872, Dawsonville, GA 30534  
SERVICES: The Family Connection is a collaborative partnership between the school system, county government, state agencies, community organizations, and families. This collaborative body is the accepted Authority in the community for families and children working towards a safe and nurturing community that values children and families, encouraging purposeful community involvement, providing advocacy for improved quality of life for children and families; including comprehensive wellness services, increased recreational and enrichment resources and promoting an entire community that values education.

## **FAMILY HAVEN**

CONTACT: Millie Irizarry  
TELEPHONE: (770) 889-6384 crisis 770-887-1121  
LOCATION: P.O. Box 1160, Cumming, GA 30028 [www.family-haven.org](http://www.family-haven.org)  
SERVICES: Provides supportive services to battered women and their children.

## **GAINESVILLE ADJUSTMENT/DAY REPORTING CENTER**

CONTACT: Shannon Hilliard  
TELEPHONE: (770) 535-5724  
LOCATION: 1002 Aviation Blvd., Gainesville, GA 30501

**SERVICES:** Provides resocialization of male and female adult offenders into the community through counseling, employment and educational referrals.

**GAINESVILLE STATE COLLEGE  
University of North GA**

**CONTACT:** Dr. Bonita Jacobs - President  
**TELEPHONE:** (770) 718-3641 or (770) 718-3639 General Information  
**ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 1358, Gainesville, GA 30503 [www.ung.edu](http://www.ung.edu)  
**SERVICES:** The purpose of Gainesville College, a two year unit of the University System of GA, is to offer educational, cultural, and developmental experiences appropriate to the needs of its students and the citizens of Northeast Georgia.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Usual college requirements

**GAINESVILLE JAYCEES  
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER, INC**

**CONTACT:** Paula Phillips  
**TELEPHONE:** (770) 535-7464  
**LOCATION:** 930 Athens Street, Gainesville, GA 30501 [rehabindustries.org](http://rehabindustries.org)  
**SERVICES:** Vocational evaluation, counseling, training and/or work adjustment, job placement and follow-up services for rehabilitating the physically and mentally handicapped persons.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Referrals from Georgia Department of Human Resources.

**GATEWAY HOUSE, INC.**

**CONTACT:** Jessica Butler, Director  
**TELEPHONE:** (770) 536-5860, Crisis 770-536-5860  
**LOCATION:** P.O. Box 2962, Gainesville, GA 30503  
**SERVICES:** Supportive services to battered women and their children. Gateway House does not require its guests to pay for room or board.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Physically abused or threatened by partner or former partner.  
**SERVICES:** A comprehensive service which focuses on increasing the number of healthy babies born in Northeast Georgia. Genetic screenings are provided to families at high risk.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Families must meet income eligibility guidelines

### **GEORGIA HIGHLANDS MEDICAL SERVICE**

**CONTACT:** Carlos Stapleton  
**TELEPHONE:** (770) 887-1668  
**LOCATION:** 260 Elm Street (P.O. Box 307), Cumming, GA 30028  
**SERVICES:** Provides medical services to anyone who needs it. Operates on a sliding pay scale. Patients pay according to their salary and family size. OB Program. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, and other insurance.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Public needing medical assistance.

### **GEORGIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

**CONTACT:** Dr. Mendoza Delquis, Clinical Director  
**TELEPHONE:** (404) 243-2100  
**LOCATION:** 3073 Panthersville Rd., Decatur, GA 30034  
**SERVICES:** 3 adult care units and one adolescent unit. Mental health emergency, inpatient, and evaluations.

### **GEORGIA SENIOR LEGAL HOTLINE**

**TELEPHONE:** 1-888-257-9519  
**HOURS:** Monday - Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**SERVICES:** A telephone service staffed by attorneys who take calls from older Georgians and their families. Hotline attorneys give legal advice, brief service and referrals to other attorneys or services when necessary. This service does not require that you meet with the hotline attorney.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** This service is available to Georgians sixty years old and older. There is no charge.

### **HEAD START/PRE-K PROGRAM NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY, INC**

**CONTACT:** Barbara S. Padgett-Kirkland, Center Director  
**TELEPHONE:** (706) 265-2980 **FAX:** (706) 265-4808  
**LOCATION:** P.O. Box 357, 407 Allen St., Dawsonville, GA 30534  
**SERVICES:** Head Start is a comprehensive child development program which serves children 3 & 4 years old and their families. The services provided to the child and his/her family includes education, health, social services, parent involvement, and nutrition. The program also provides services to children with disabilities. The Head Start Program presently serves 74 children (ages 3 and 4) & 22 in Pre-K (age 4).  
The children are provided with a developmentally appropriate environment.

They are supported and encouraged to reach their full potential. The program provides a child-focused curriculum with the overall goal of increasing school readiness of young children. All of our classrooms are equipped with a variety of materials and hands on experiences for the children.

**ELIGIBILITY:** **Head Start** – This program is funded by the federal government. The child must be 3 or 4 years of age by Sept. 1 of school year for which he/she is applying, and meet income criteria.

**Pre-K** – This program is funded by the state lottery. The child must be 4 years of age by Sept. 1 of the school year for which he/she is applying. It is based on a first come first serve basis. No income criteria. Cost: Free except for meals. We are a pricing program and do participate in the USDA meal service program.

**The following documentation needs to be provided by the parent:**

- \*Child's Birth Certificate
- \*Immunization Form 3231
- \*Insurance (if available).
- \*Proof of Income for Head Start.

**Transportation** – None provided. Referrals available.

**How to apply:** Contact the office for an appointment and information.

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**CONTACT:** Janelle Wilson  
**TELEPHONE:** (706) 265-2611 or (706) 265-3223  
**LOCATION:** 54 Hwy 53 E, Dawsonville, GA 30534  
**SERVICES:** **Child Health:** Includes immunizations, hearing, vision, dental screening and nursing appraisals; these services are available to all children and include recognizing health problems and referring children for proper diagnosis and treatment.  
**Family Planning:** Services are available to anyone wishing to space their children so that every child will be wanted and loved. Counseling and discussion of all types of contraceptives are offered. Prenatal care, maternal services, problems and high risk pregnancies are discussed. Physical examinations, pap test and the teaching of self breast examination are offered and taught by trained personnel.  
**Sanitarian:** Can issue permits to install septic tanks and inspect them. He also is available to help you locate wells and to take water samples to determine the bacterial content of your water. He can submit animal specimens for rabies testing. He inspects institutions, food handling

facilities and tourist accommodations.

**Dental:** Services are available. Eligibility is determined by income.

**W.I.C.:** Provides coupons for nutritional foods that are redeemable at a grocery store; W.I.C. is extra food and will not cut down on food stamps or keep toddlers out of day meal programs. Eligibility: Pregnant women; women after having a baby up to six months old; postpartum or one year for nursing mothers; children under five years of age and income eligible. These women, infants and children are eligible if they are certified to be nutritional risks, growth problems, anemic, etc.

### **HOMELESS LIAISON – DAWSON COUNTY**

**CONTACT:** Jennifer Newkirk -  
**TELEPHONE:** 706-216-5801 ext: 1804  
**LOCATION:** Dawson County School System  
**SERVICE:** Provides information and referrals for homeless families.

### **HOUSING & FINANCIAL AUTHORITY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**CONTACT** Nancy Dove, Office Director  
**TELEPHONE:** (706) 369-5636 or 1-888-318-0354  
**LOCATION:** 1061 Dowdy Rd, Suite 201, Athens, GA 30606  
[www.georgiahousingsearch.org](http://www.georgiahousingsearch.org)  
**SERVICES:** To assist low-income families with rent in eligible housing (No public or substandard housing).

### **INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TAX ASSISTANCE**

**TELEPHONE:** 1-800-829-4477, Fax 1-800-829-4059, Tax information.  
**LOCATION:** Internal Revenue Building, Gainesville, GA 30501  
**SERVICES:** Assists taxpayers in filling out IRS returns; auditing of tax returns.

### **JUVENILE COURT SERVICES**

**TELEPHONE:** (770) 531-6927  
**LOCATION:** Hall County Courthouse, P.O. Box 311, 225 Spring St. Gainesville, GA  
**SERVICES:** To provide social services to children (and to parents of children) charged with acts of delinquency and/or unruliness who have been referred to the Juvenile Court of Hall County.

## **LANIER AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

**CONTACT:** Office of Student Personnel Services  
**TELEPHONE:** (770) 531-6300 or 706-216-5461  
**LOCATION:** 2990 Landrum Education Dr., Oakwood, GA 30566,  
89 Tiger Circle Dawsonville, GA 30534  
**SERVICES:** (1) Diploma Programs & Technical Certificate  
(2) Continuing Education and Professional Upgrade Programs  
(3) Developmental Studies Program  
(4) Career Exploration Services  
(5) Student Development Services  
(6) Minority Services  
(7) Business & Industry Services  
(8) Institutional Effectiveness Program  
(9) Adult Literacy  
(10).Renewal Education Services

## **LEGAL AID GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

**TELEPHONE:** (770) 535-5717 or 1-800-745-5717  
**LOCATION:** 705 Washington St. NW Suite B1, Gainesville, GA 30503  
**SERVICES:** To provide legal services to the indigent population of 24 counties of north Georgia in non-criminal matters; if the client is eligible and the civil case is not fee-generating, i.e.: a private attorney could not collect a fee from the opposite party, we provide whatever legal services are required to obtain the desired results for the client. No private landlord issues.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Contact Legal Aid office for eligibility requirements.

## **LIBRARY**

**CONTACT:** Dawson County Public Library/Chestatee Regional  
**TELEPHONE:** (706) 344-3690  
**LOCATION:** 342 Allen Street, Dawsonville, GA 30534  
**HOURS:** Mon, Wed, Thurs: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Fri & Saturday: 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**SERVICES:** General library services. Internet access.

## **LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED**

TELEPHONE: 7-800-248-6701  
LOCATION: 1150 Murphy Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30310  
[www.georgialibraries.org](http://www.georgialibraries.org)  
SERVICES: Provides library services for persons unable to read regular printed materials. Provides tapes and Braille.

## **LIONS CLUB**

CONTACTS: Marty Horne, Sight Services Chairman  
LOCATIONS: 31 Apple Ridge #1, Dawsonville, GA 30534  
TELEPHONE: (706) 344-3931  
SERVICES: Glasses, smoke alarms, hearing aids, help with the costs for medicines, crutches and wheelchairs.  
ELIGIBILITY: Income Guidelines.

## **MARCH OF DIMES North GA Division**

TELEPHONE: 770-977-3114  
LOCATION: 1775 The Exchange Suite 24S, Atlanta GA 30309  
SERVICES: Provides grants for implementation of community based programs designed to prevent infant mortality and birth defects. Educational materials, literature, videos, addressing pre-natal care, well baby care, pre-pregnancy planning, etc. to anyone requesting it.

## **MENTAL HEALTH**

TELEPHONE: (706) 864-6822 or Emerg. 1-800-347-5827  
LOCATION: 150A Johnson St., Dahlonega, GA 30533  
SERVICES: Provides the full range of mental health services including out-patient, partial hospitalization, in-patient, emergency services and consultation-education to adults and children; special services for alcoholics include in-patient and ambulatory detoxification, education and supportive group therapy; group home services available for the developmentally disabled (adult females) as well as day training programs.



## **NOA'S ARK**

**CONTACT:** Marina Barron, Director, Tori Owens, Director of Children  
**TELEPHONE:** Crisis 706-864-1986 or 911  
**LOCATION:** P.O. Box 685, Dahlonega, GA 30533  
**SERVICES:** An 11 bed emergency shelter with food, clothing, and personal hygiene items, medical referrals, counseling, and transportation as needed. Individual professional counseling for those in the shelter and community. A 24 hour crisis intervention and referral line, lending emotional support and resources. Legal advocacy through state court systems and information concerning legal rights and options. Open support groups for victims of domestic violence.

## **NORTHEAST GEORGIA SPEECH CENTER**

**CONTACT:** Diane Brower  
**TELEPHONE:** (770) 534-5141  
**LOCATION:** 604 Washington St, Gainesville, GA 30501  
**SERVICES:** The speech program for children includes evaluation and treatment for speech problems of all types. The types of programs available include a preschool therapeutic language program, infant stimulation program, and li'l bud speech program.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Any child having, or suspected of having a speech or language problem is eligible for the services of the center. Acceptance is dependent upon the severity of the problem and ability to learn, desire to improve and the willingness of the family to cooperate, clinic time available, etc. problem is eligible for the services of the center. Acceptance is dependent upon the severity of the problem and ability to learn, desire to improve and the willingness of the family to cooperate, clinic time available, etc.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

**CONTACT:** Lisa Henson  
**TELEPHONE:** 706-344-3600 or 706-344-3646 Rock Creek  
**LOCATION:** Veterans Park, 186 Recreation Rd, Dawsonville, GA 30534  
**SERVICES:** Provides the citizens with year round wholesome fun and recreational activities for the enrichment of mind and body.

## **PAROLE OFFICE**

**CONTACT:** Jeff Perry, Chief  
**TELEPHONE:** (706) 383-9194  
**LOCATION:** 26 River Terrace, Ste. 201, Ellijay, GA 30540  
**SERVICES:** Supervises parolees when released. Office does post sentencing and social investigations. Helps parole board make responsible decisions on release of parolees. Provides federal parole services for adults and juveniles under US District court and US Board of Parole. Assists victims. Pilot program "Restore to Justice" - Parolees given community services.

## **PEACHCARE FOR KIDS**

**TELEPHONE:** 1-877-GA PEACH (1-877-427-3224), [www.peachcare.org](http://www.peachcare.org)  
**LOCATION:** P.O. Box 2583 Atlanta, GA 30301-2583  
**SERVICES:** PeachCare is a health coverage program for Georgia's children. It pays for a full range of services including care for accidents, chronic illnesses, and checkups every year. PeachCare covers checkups and vaccines, vision and dental care, emergency room treatment, hospitalization, prescription medicines, and care for chronic conditions like asthma and diabetes.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Georgia families who cannot afford private health insurance. Children must not be eligible for Medicaid or enrolled in another healthcare plan. Income guidelines must be met.

## **PREVENT CHILD ABUSE GEORGIA**

**TELEPHONE:** 706-265-1981 Dawson County  
**LOCATION:** PO Box 103, Dawsonville Ga 30534  
**SERVICES:** Provides support to abusive parents. Holds group therapy sessions for parents having problems coping with the stress of parenting. No fees charged.

## **REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY (RESA)**

**CONTACT:** Dr. Sandy Addis, Director  
**TELEPHONE:** 706-865-2141, 1-866-812-7372, 404-870-6565  
**LOCATION:** P. O. Box 1789, Cleveland, GA 30528  
**SERVICES:** Provides consultative services to 14 school systems in Northeast Georgia; provides aids to the participating school systems.

### **RIC RAC (RESOURCE INTERACTION COUNCIL)**

**CONTACT:** Angie McKinize  
**TELEPHONE:** (706) 265-1371, Emergency (706) 216-1036  
**LOCATION:** 829 Hwy. 9N., Dawsonville, GA 30534  
**HOURS:** Monday - Friday 10:00 – 5:00 Saturdays 10:00 - 5:00  
**SERVICES:** Houses clothing, food and household items at a very low cost or at no cost to those recommended by agencies and organizations.

### **RURAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**CONTACT:** Marlyn Hollis  
**TELEPHONE:** (706) 754-6239  
**LOCATION:** 555 Monroe St., Unit 83 Box 12, Clarkesville, GA 30523  
**SERVICES:** Loans to rural, private homeowners. Low-interest loans for business and public housing; operating loans, community services loans. Grants available for age 62 years and older in an eligible area for home repairs related to health.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Low-income families and the elderly.

### **SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE**

**TELEPHONE:** 1-800-772-1213 Or (770) 532-7506  
**LOCATION:** 1856 Thompson Bridge Rd, NE Suite 107, Gainesville, GA 30501  
**SERVICES:** To pay Social Security benefits to those entitled, when payments are due; to pay Supplemental Security Income to those entitled; to assist persons in claiming Medicare benefits; to furnish information regarding the above programs; to furnish assistance in filing claims for any of the above benefits, to assist in administering all programs under the Social Security Act, as a representative of the United States Department of Health and Human Services; to furnish assistance, counsel and referral services in all areas of human needs and problems as possible and practical; to assist in securing Social Security numbers, both original and replacement.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligibility requirements for regular Social Security benefits require a certain amount of work in employment covered by the Social Security law. Eligibility requirements for Supplemental Security Income - age 65, blind or disabled and have limited income, resources and assets (be in need). Eligibility requirements for Medicare - age 65 or are entitled to Social Security disability benefits for more than 24 months. Special Medicare benefits possible for most persons with severe disabilities.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**CONTACT:** Board of Education  
**TELEPHONE:** (706) 265-3246 or (706) 265-2777  
**LOCATION:** P.O. Box 208, Dawsonville, GA 30534  
**SERVICES:** Provides special education services for children with disabilities.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Children ages 3-21 with a disability that are enrolled in Dawson County Schools.

## **STATE AID FOR CANCER**

**CONTACT:** National Cancer Information Center  
**TELEPHONE:** 1-800-227-2345  
[www.health.statega.us/programs/cancer](http://www.health.statega.us/programs/cancer)  
**SERVICES:** Provides financial assistance forms for medical care of low-income families.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must meet income criteria and a referral from the patient's physician

## **UNITED WAY**

### **Dawson County – Community Outreach**

**TELEPHONE:** 770-781-4110  
**SERVICES:** United Way – mission is to be available to all people in a non-judgmental way, 24 hours per day, through telephone listening, providing information, referrals, and other human services. We strive to help our callers realize their human potential, self-worth, and inner resources in order to help resolve problems or issues affecting their well-being.

## **VETERANS SERVICE**

**TELEPHONE:** 1-800-827-1000  
**LOCATION** 1700 Clairmont Rd., Decatur, GA 30033  
[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)  
**SERVICES:** To provide information and expedite claims for all benefits veterans are eligible for, such as pensions, disability, education, home loans, etc.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Wartime service, or 181 days active duty and honorable discharge.

## **Resource Directory- Agency Telephone Numbers**

Adult Literacy/Even Start, GED Program	706-265-1690
Aging (GMPDC)	706-344-3700
Alcoholism Program	770-535-5412
Alpine Program	770-532-9981
Ambulance Service	911 or 344-3666
American Red Cross	706-265-4050
Area Transit	706-344-3700
Babies Can't Wait	404-657-2726
Board Of Education	706-265-3246
Chamber Of Commerce	706-265-6278
Charity-Hill Burton	1-800-638-0742
Child Care Block Grant	706-265-6598
Child Care Resource	770-718-3883
Child Support Recovery Unit	770-535-5735
Children First	404-657-4143
Children's Medical Services	770-535-6907
City of Dawsonville	706-265-3256
Community Services Program(Ninth District Opportunity)	706-265-3744
Cooperative Extension Service	706-265-2442
County Commissioners Office	706-344-3501
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	404-325-6973
Department of Corrections	770-535-5710
Employment Services	706-265-6598
Family and Children Services	706-265-6598
Family Connection/Community Partnership	706-265-1981
Family Haven	770-889-6384
Gainesville Adjustment/Diversion Center	770-535-5724
Gainesville College	770-718-3641
Gainesville Jaycees Vocational Rehabilitation	770-535-7464
Gateway House	770-536-5860
Genetics	770-535-6907
Georgia Highlands	770-887-1668
Georgia Regional Hospital	404-243-2100
Georgia Senior Legal Hotline	1-888-257-9519
Head Start/Pre-K Program (Ninth District Opportunity)	706-265-2980
Health Department	706-265-2611
Housing & Financial Authority, Rental Assist. Program	706-369-5636
Internal Revenue Service	1-800-829-4477
Juvenile Court Services	770-531-6927
Lanier Area Vocational-Technical School	770-531-6300
Legal Aid	770-535-5717
Library	706-344-3690

Library For The Blind And Physically Handicapped	404-756-4619
Lions Club	706-265-6360
March Of Dimes	678-546-0023
Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center	706-864-6822
NOA's Ark Shelter	706-867-6420
Northeast Georgia Speech Center	770-534-5141
Parks And Recreation	706-344-3600
Parole Office	706-276-7066
Peach Care for Kids	1-877-427-3224
Prevent Child Abuse Georgia	404-870-6565
Regional Educational Service Agency	706-865-2141
Ric Rac (Resource Interaction Council)	706-265-1371
Rural Economic & Community Development	706-754-6239
Social Security Office	1-800-772-1213
Southeast RCAP Financial Services, LLC	540-345-1184
Special Education Department	706-265-3246
State Aid For Cancer	404-463-5111
United Way – Community Outreach	706-216-7238
Veterans Service	1-800-827-1000

## **UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INFORMATION**

Governor Nathan Deal (R)

203 Georgia State Capitol

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

404-656-1776

Lt. Governor Casey Cagle 404-656-5030

Georgia Public Service Commission

1-800-282-5813

Senate Secretary

404-656-5040

Rep. 607 Legislative Office Building

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Capitol Phone – 404-656-5943

District Phone – 706-632-2221

Senator 321-A Legislative Office Building

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Capitol Phone – 404-656-9221

District Phone – 770-886-6971

## **TOLL FREE NUMBERS**

**800-282-5852 – Agriculture Consumer Service Program**

**800-872-7245 – Amtrak Rail Passenger Service**

**800-933-7023 – Arthritis Hotline**

**800-525-3777 – Cancer Information Hotline**

**800-638-2772 – Consumer Product Safety**

**800-555-1212 – Government Agencies (telephone directory)**

**800-323-8323 – Health Care**

**800-633-2339 – Kidney Foundation (Atlanta)**

**800-248-6701 – Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped**

**800-282-0535 – North Georgia Medical Center (Gainesville)**

**800-858-7378 – Pesticides Information**

**800-282-5846 – Poison Control Center**

**800-282-5813 – Public Service Commission**